

Testimony of Susan Shaw
Before the Connecticut General Assembly Public Health Committee

Testimony in support of HB 5326, An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill

*Honorable members of the Public Health Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of **HB 5326, An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill**.*

- *It is important to me because I believe that death with dignity is a basic human right. ...*
- *I worry about being able to control my own death; that decisions to prolong my life may cause emotional pain to my family and deprive my family and me of a dignified death...*
- *My mother died of breast cancer; and while she chose not to end her life on her own, she found some comfort in knowing, because she had hoarded medicine, that she could. As her daughter, I found solace in knowing that my mother was in some control of her last days. ...*
- *Every one of us deserves to live out our lives on our own terms and have the right to making our own end of life decisions. ...*

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